

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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**Sunday 30 September 2018**

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Parishioners,

If we were to take every word of Jesus in the Gospel literally, there'd be a lot of blind, lame and maimed people about. 'if your hand, or your foot, or your eye, should cause you to sin, tear them off'-so says Jesus in today's Gospel reading.

Clearly, we're not intended to take these words to the letter. But not taking words literally doesn't mean not taking them seriously. It doesn't actually take too much effort to get to the meaning of those strong words: Jesus is telling us that if something that is a part of our life is causing us to sin, or has become a problem, we may need to cut it off.

An alcoholic doesn't need to drink less, but to quit drinking, to amputate any part of his or her former life that might lead back to drink. The effort involved in giving up an addiction may feel like an amputation. But it's only the way to life: indeed it's the only way to life.

Jesus understands our tendency to sin. He knows that left to ourselves, we go with gravity, with the flow. Given our natural tendency to fall rather than rise, it will sometimes be the case that we need to cut out, rather than cut down.

To go back to the unfortunate alcoholic-or, let's say, a near-alcoholic. If someone is developing a problem with the bottle, and is beginning to realise this, but still reasons: 'Well, I'll just keep one bottle in the house', they'll be fooling themselves engaging in a bit of double-think. But Jesus' words confront our double-thinking and our subtlety: 'if there's something in your life that's causing you to sin, cut it out.'

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If we examine ourselves and discover that, by the grace of God, there isn't, at this time, anything that's particularly harmful, any specific occasion of sin, then thank God. But even if that's the case, Jesus' words still have something to say to us. They invite us to be on our guard and to seek the Lord's help in our weakness.

Have a blessed week.

*Fr. Niall* (Fr. Niall)

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**MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information**

**Marriage Preparation Course** The next Marriage Preparation Course will be on Wednesday 10th October and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. in the parish hall.

**Baptism Preparation Course** The next Baptism preparation course will be on 8<sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm in the Church. Godparents are encouraged to attend.

**Welcome Back Fr. Nixon**, We all hope you had a nice restful and enjoyable holiday.

**Deacon Joseph is on holidays**. Likewise we hope he is having a nice holiday.

**Bishop Alan visits Holy Family School on Monday 8th of October and will bless the new Religious Education Suite, the new gym and new sports hall.**

**Parish Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation Programme** Parents who wish their child(ren) to join the parish Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation Programme must collect the application form in the church porch this weekend. All application forms must be returned by 12 o' clock Mass on Sunday 7th of October.

**A Day of Reflection and Enrichment for READERS** – Saturday, 20th October in Woodford Green. A day of reflection and enrichment has been arranged to take place at The Becket Centre, St Thomas Of Canterbury Church 557-559 High Rd, Woodford, Woodford Green IG8 ORB on Saturday 20th October led by Dr Marian Tolley from Shrewsbury Diocese. Marian has travelled throughout Britain running courses for Readers for many years; has a highly respected reputation for running workshops in liturgical music; the training of deacons and for speaking on various topics relating to the liturgy. The day will start at 10 am with registration and refreshments and will end at 4 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available during the day. Jenny Richmond is coordinating. If you wish to attend please sign up by Sunday 7 October, sign up sheet and details are by the readers notice board.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** – Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk). There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE EUROPEAN PROJECT**

A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 6th October. The speaker will be Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark, and Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Ministry at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The day begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)


**Pilgrimage to Goa**: Please note that there will be a meeting in the church meeting room on 28th of October at 2:30p.m. for all pilgrims travelling to Goa (on 26th November 2018) . Fares for return transfer to Heathrow Airport will be collected at that meeting. Any queries please contact Stella 02085273879

**RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC)** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of joining the Church. It is also for adults who may have been baptised but never received sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation. Meetings will now take place on Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm in the church meeting room. If you would like more information about the RCIA process, please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914. email: [bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com](mailto:bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com)

Mass Attendance last weekend 532 . The collection last week was £ 1319.22p  
Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

**ROTAS**

<b><u>Counting Rota</u></b>	9/9F	16/9E	23/9E	30/9B	7/10E	14/10B
<b><u>Hospital Rota</u></b>	9/9D	16/9 A	23/9 B	30/9 D	7/10 A	14/10 B



Joke of the Week: :My banjo said to me "Hey Tim I am leaving you"  
I asked "Why?"He said "because you are always picking on me (attributed to Tim Vine)

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	Dolores Payne (Rest in Peace)
<b>Sun 30 September</b>	<b>TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Erlinda Flores Kim (Rest in Peace) (Thora Shillingford)
<b>10:00am</b>	Chris Filzgerald (Rest in Peace)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Gertrude Pereira (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
<b>Mon 1 October</b>	<b>SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS (Lisieux)</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	James King (Intentions) (Mary Bond)
<b>09:15am</b>	Cynthia Martha Blanchard (Rest in Peace)
<b>04:00pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital MASS
<b>Tue 02 Octoberr</b>	<b>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	Sorcha O'Brien (Rest in Peace) (Peggy McManas)
<b>09:15 am</b>	Barbara and Michael's Intentions (Birthday)
<b>Wed 03 October</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	Deceased members of the Tully Family (Rest in Peace) (Peggy)
<b>09:15 AM</b>	Fr. James McCormack (Rest in Peace)
<b>Thu 04 October</b>	<b>SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	Mary Heagney (Intentions)
<b>09:15am</b>	Deceased of the McCormack (Rest in Peace)
<b>Fri r 05 October</b>	<b>FERIA (HARVEST FAST DAY)</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	Sr. Peggy (Intentions)
<b>09:15am</b>	Thanksgiving for McCormack Family
<b>Sat 06 October</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Diggins Family Intentions
<b>06:00pm</b>	Johny Young (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine McDermott)
<b>Sun 07 October</b>	<b>TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Judith Hilton (Intentions) (Edna)
<b>10:00am</b>	Angela and Giovanni Tardioli (Rest in Peace)(Riccardo)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Augustine B.O. Fadina (Agnes Fadina)

### Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Betty Ramsey, Hazel Belizaire, ,Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Eva Santiano, Grace Mecaley, George Apap

Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.40am. Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass  
 Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30am; Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; 10.30-11.30am. Bible Study Mondays at 8pm-Church Meeting Room